

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **AMEND** paragraph 0013 as follows:

[0013] Even when using elemental sulfur, the problems of the coexistence of solid and liquid phases of the sulfur occur. In order to overcome the problems, it has been suggested that sulfur-absorbing additives be added to a positive active material slurry to delay the detachment of the sulfur. As the sulfur-absorbing additives for this purpose, JP Laid-Open Publication No. 09-147868 discloses an active carbon fiber. US Patent No. 5,919,587 discloses techniques whereby a positive active material is embedded among transient metal ~~calcogenides~~ chalcogenides having a highly porous, fibrous and ultra fine sponge-like structure, or that the positive active material is encapsulated therewith. Further, PCT Publication No. WO 99/33131 discloses that particulates such as carbon, silica, and aluminum oxide having a potent absorbency toward polysulfide are added. PCT Publication No. WO 99/33125 discloses that the positive electrode is encapsulated within a separator made of a microporous pseudo-boehmite layer, so as to inhibit the diffusion of soluble polysulfide. PCT Publication No. WO 99/33127 discloses that polysulfide anions are kept around a cationic polymer with a quaternary ammonium and an anionic polymer including a salt group. However, as a result of incorporating the additives to enhance the positive electrode active mass, the energy density is reduced.